(c) 57 unmanned level crossings in Uttar Pradesh have been sanctioned for manning during the current year i,.e. 1999-2000. In addition to this 19 & 52 unmanned level crossings in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar respectively have also been proposed for manning in the supplementary budget for 1999-2000.

Justice Khanna Commission on Railway Safety

1101. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of recommendations made by the Commission on Railway Safety, headed by Justice H.R. Khanna to ensure fool-proof safety; and

(b) what action Government have taken thereon and by when these recommendations are proposed to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Railway Safety Review Committee set up under the Chairmanship of Justice H.R. Khanna, a retired judge of the Supreme Court, has submitted Part-I of their Report, Part-II of their Report is yet to be received. In part I, the Committee has made 150 recommendations.

(b) It is proposed to take action on those recommendations which will be accepted by the Government. As implementation of many of them depend on the availability of funds and resources, it has not been possible to fix targets.

Train Accidents

1102. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been an increase in the number of train accidents recently;

(b) if so, the number of train accidents which took place in the country during 1998-99 till date as compared to previous corresponding period, indicating details thereof, Zone-wise, and reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have any figures of accident-prone unmanned level crossings in Rajasthan; and

(d) if so, what concrete action Government have taken or decided so far to man such crossings during 1999-2000?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHHRI DIGVUAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. There has been a marginal increase.

(b) A statement is attached. (See below).

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise. However, depending upon the traffic density and visibility, manning of 16 unmannned level crossings in Rajasthan has been proposed in the supplementary budget for the year 1999-2000.

Statement

Zone-wise details of accidents are as follows:

Railways	1989-99	April, 98-Nov. 98	April, 99-Nov. 99
Central	68	40	54
Eastern	31	22	23
Northern	54	29	49
North Eastern	23	15	16
North East Frontier	27	19	48
Southern	59	49	33
South Central	45	40	29
South Eastern	55	34	29
Western	26	16	21
Metro	-	-	-
KRC	9	8	2
Total	397	272	304

Prima facie cause of the above accidents is as follows:

Broad Causes	1998-99	April, 98-Nov. 98	April, 99-Nov. 99
Failure of Railway Staff	268	189	190
Failure of other than Railway staff	63	38	48
Mechanical Equipment Failure	9	6	2
Track Equipment	24	15	6
Electrical/Signal & Telecom Equipment	-	-	10
Sabotage	11	7	22
Combination of Factor	1	1	.
Incidental-	14	12	12
Could not established	7	4	3
Under Investigation	-	-	11
Total	397	272	304

Figures of April 99-Nov. 99 are provisional